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I. MEDICAL SUPPLY CATALOG. 1. The Adjutant General Department is responsible for storage and issue of Army Service Forces Catalog MED.

2. Army Service Forces Catalog MED 3 and changes 1 to 4 should be available in all hospitals and supply installations.

3. Requirements for Army Service Forces Catalog MED 3 and changes 1 to 4 should be submitted to the nearest Adjutant General Department supply installation.

II. CYLINDER CAPS FOR GAS CYLINDERS. 1. All gas cylinders should be provided with protective steel caps during handling and shipping for protection of the valve. This will insure that no gas is lost and that maximum use is made of the cylinders.

2. All hospitals having extra steel caps should turn them in to the nearest Medical Depot. Medical Depots should provide cylinders in stock with caps prior to issue.

3. Gas cylinders of 80 gallons capacity, or less, and all gas cylinders without protective caps, should be crated prior to rail or water shipment.

III. NON-STANDARD ITEMS. 1. Considerable quantities of drugs, chemicals and other expendable medical supplies are being carried non-standard in stocks of Medical Depots because the size or unit varies from that contained in the Army Service Forces Catalog MED 3. These non-standard supplies should be issued before standard items are issued. The basis for issue is the nearest equivalent unit for which the requirement exists. For example, a requirement of 1 lb. of Boric Acid should be filled by the issue of four $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. or two $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. non-standard Boric Acid.

2. Some instruments and other non-expendable items are carried as non-standard because of minor variations in length or other dimensions. For example, 5-inch forceps, spring, are non-standard because Army Service Forces Catalog MED 3 lists only item 3269500 Forceps, spring, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch.

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Four (4) quart metal pitchers are considered non-standard because the catalog lists only three (3) quart metal pitchers. These non-standard items should be issued to using organizations when they will serve the purpose of standard items.

3. Medical Depots should set up such procedures as will facilitate the issue of non-standard items, including the following:

- a. Flag standard items at issue point upon which stocks of non-standard items are available.
- b. Review periodically non-standard listings for issue possibilities.
- c. Examine non-standard items carefully to insure that they have not been misclassified as non-standard when actually they are standard items.

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